

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2013

The Festival of Lights is a seasonal celebration with activities for all ages. Neighbors of all backgrounds and traditions are invited to come together in a spirit of peace and hope. We celebrate the sense of community that will warm our hearts during the cold winter ahead, and contemplate with joyous anticipation how we aspire to shine brightly in the new year to come!



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

**Friday, December 6th
Begins at 7:00pm**

Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance to help light the tree. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Recreation Department.

City of Greenbelt
Department of Recreation
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Business Office: 301-397-2200

DECO THE HALLS!

December 6th, 7pm-9pm at 10-B Crescent Road

in conjunction with the city's Tree Lighting. Free admission. See the Greenbelt Museum's historic house, decorated for the holidays in vintage style. Gift shop open.

JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

FREE admission and hands-on crafts! More Information: 240.542.2057

Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all occasions!

**Saturday, December 7 from 10am-5pm
Sunday, December 8 from 11am-4pm**

Make paper ornaments. Saturday, 1 - 3pm. All ages. Free.

Make a re-usable fabric gift bag. Saturday, 10am - 12pm. Ages 10-adult. BYO sewing machine. Materials provided. \$10. Advance registration required.

Make cards with simple printmaking techniques. Sunday, 2-4pm. All ages. Free.

Artist in Residence studios open. Saturday, 12 - 5pm. Su 11am - 4pm. Mary Wang (Saturday/ Sunday, commissioned pet portraits and painted furniture). Nora Simon and Kathy Karlson (Sunday, screen prints and cards, paintings including small works on paper).

Enter to win \$25 in Art Bucks good for any art and craft vendor or any winter arts recreation class. www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

Crafters please note: this show is currently full. For waitlist information, contact Kelly Wargo: kwargo@greenbeltmd.gov.

Art Exhibition- Watercolor Paintings by Valerie Watson

**December 7- February 7, Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery, 15 Crescent Road
Open during all facility hours. All ages welcome.**

Bold, bright works by a local master who will be offering a class at the Community Center starting in January; details in the winter Recreation Activity Guide at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

Recreation Facility Holiday Hours:

DATE	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
11/28	CLOSED	8AM-4PM	12PM-4PM
11/29	9am-4pm	6am-10pm	12pm-9:45pm
12/24	9am-4pm	6am-5pm	12-5pm
12/25	CLOSED	12pm-4pm	12-4pm
12/31	9am-4pm	6am-5pm	12-5pm
1/01	12pm-4pm	12pm-4pm	12-4pm

GCC= Greenbelt Community Center, GAFC=Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, YC/SHLRC= Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center

For more information on upcoming classes, programs, and events go to www.greenbeltmd.gov or call the Recreation Business Office at 301.397.2200

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SANTA'S VISIT

**Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway**

**Saturday, December 7
10am-12pm**

For all ages. FREE!

Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All the children will receive a FREE picture with Santa.



ELVES WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 7

1pm - 3pm

Greenbelt Youth Center

99 Centerway

Ages 5-12, \$5/Child

Pre-registration required.

Children will bake holiday cookies and make a beautiful holiday craft.

Instructor: Gaye Houchens

NORTH POLE CALLING

December 17-December 19, 6pm-7:30pm

Ages pre-school through second grade. FREE!



Santa and his helpers will make a special CALL to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flier available at www.greenbeltmd.gov and throughout the City facilities for your child's opportunity to chat. Return flyer by 12/16 to the Greenbelt Youth Center.

POLAR PLUNGE!

Tuesday, December 31

12pm-12:15pm

\$15 per person; Ages 8+

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway

Out like a lion...say goodbye to 2013 with a New Year's Eve dip into the icy outdoor pool!

For more information call 301-397-2204.

Register before December 1 and you will receive a T-Shirt! Donations will be accepted for the Special Olympics.

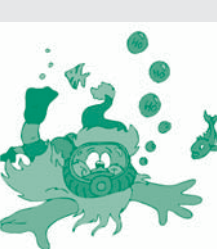


RESOLUTION SWIM

Wednesday, January 1, 9am-12noon

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

Register at GAFC front desk. \$5 per person.



In like a lamb...Say hello to 2013 with a New Year's Day resolution swim at the Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center. Set a goal and get an early start to your fitness resolution. Lap swimming and walking available. Private Lane Rentals are available.

LOCAL EVENTS:



PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**At the American Legion Post 136,
6900 Greenbelt Rd
Saturday, December 7,
8am-11 a.m.**

Children 12 and younger - Free

All others - \$7/person

Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and orange juice. Information: 301-474-8964.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post 136



GREENBELT EAST TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 1, 6pm

**Greenbriar Community Building-
FREE**

Open to all ages.

Information: 301-441-1096

GREENBELT CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

Sunday, December 15, 3pm

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road. FREE

Enjoy an afternoon of holiday music presented by the Greenbelt Concert Band